

Appl. No. 10/605,577

Amdt. dated March 26, 2008

Reply to Office action of September 26, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 14 is now modified to distinctly describe the nature of the composition for use as an antibacterial agent. Both the prior art references cited namely Yamaguchi et al., and Majeed et al. do not teach a composition suitable for topical application for this purpose. Applicants made the unexpected discovery that it is only this specific composition of Garcinia benzophenones comprising 3% garcinol and 2% cambogin that shows such activity, particularly against Propionibacterium acnes, a bacterial infection associated with acne.

Claim 17 is now cancelled since it inadvertently repeated the subject matter of cancelled claim 15, as correctly pointed out by the examiner. The language in claims 18 and 19 is modified to refer correctly to the composition.

As this response is being submitted three months after the expiration of the shortened statutory period for response, applicants respectfully request an extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), for which the requisite fee is submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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